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Governor Bill Lee
State Capitol, 1st Floor
600 Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Governor Lee,

I wanted to reach out to you amid the COVID-19 pandemic to assure you that my staff and I are committed to assisting you and our state in anyway we can.

My office has received calls from multiple small business owners in the Second Congressional District that are fearful about the economic impacts this pandemic will have on their livelihoods. East Tennessee small businesses are limiting operating hours or not even opening during these uncertain times.

Given the financial impacts of the Coronavirus, I urge you to declare Tennessee an economic disaster area, which will enable small businesses across our state to become eligible for Economic Injury Disaster Loans through the Small Business Administration. The COVID-19 pandemic is having a major economic impact on businesses of all sizes across Tennessee. I strongly believe this declaration will help address some of the business-related concerns of our constituents and assist with deterring the economic impacts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If there is anything that my office can do to assist you, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



Tim Burchett
Member of Congress